

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please revise the specification as follows:

Under the heading "SUMMARY," please delete paragraph [0005] and insert the following:

-- [0005] In one embodiment, a method for searching messages in a conversation-based message system includes receiving a query from a requestor and transmitting the query to a conversation management system. A list of conversations is received from the conversation management system, where each of the conversations in the list has a respective conversation identifier, and wherein each conversation includes one or more messages sharing a common set of characteristics that meet a first predefined criteria, including at least one electronic message relevant to the query. At least a portion of the list of conversations is presented to the requestor.

[0005a] In another embodiment, a method for displaying electronic messages includes receiving a plurality of electronic messages directed to a user, where each message has a unique message identifier. A plurality of conversations is generated such that each conversation includes a unique subset of the plurality of messages and a respective conversation identifier. A list of conversations is selected from the plurality of conversations in accordance with a predefined query. The list of conversations is displayed in an order determined in accordance with predefined criteria, where each conversation being represented as a single item in the list. --

On page 51, please delete the Abstract beginning with the words "An email system receives" through "a single item in the list" and insert the following:

-- A system and method for displaying electronic messages is disclosed that includes receiving a query from a requestor and transmitting the query to a conversation management system. A number electronic messages are received from the conversation management system, each message having a unique message identifier. A number of conversations are generated from the messages such that each conversation includes a unique subset of the messages and a respective conversation identifier. A list of conversations is selected from the number of conversations in accordance with a predefined query. The list of conversations is displayed in an order determined in accordance with predefined criteria. Each conversation is displayed as a single item in the list. --